(9) whether the Government had been requested to transfer these officials before conducting an enquiry with a view that they might not use their official influence and authority against collecting the real facts of the case?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—(1) Yes.

(2) Yes.

(3) Yes, but the enquiry into the allegation of extortion is not complete.

(4) Government regret that the reports cannot be placed on the Table.

(5) The Sub-Inspector was at Kunnamkulam when the enquiry was started, but later on he was placed under suspension. The Police Constable has also been since transferred.

(6) No fresh enquiry is considered necessary.

(7) Vide answer to (5).

(8) Sub-Inspector Mr. Hamid Khan and P. C. 638 Makkar. The former alone is implicated in the alleged extortion case.

(9) Yes.

372. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) how many petitions and complaints have been received by the District Magistrate, Police Commissioner and the Diwan against the Police officers stationed at Kunnamkulam and referred to in the above interpellations, either collectively or individually against them, since they were posted at Kunnamkulam;

(2) whether copies of all those petitions will be placed on the Table?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—

(1) By the District Magistrate 3
,, Police Commissioner 4
,, Diwan .. 2

(2) The papers are either under enquiry or relate to Judicial Proceedings, and they cannot, therefore, be placed on the Table.

373. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) that a petition dated 9th Kanni 1104 was received by the District Magistrate from Mr. Mandokkara Anthony, Kunnamkulam, complaining that his daughter was being kept by some of the Police officers at Kunnamkulam;

(2) who are the officers against whom this complaint was made?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—(1) Yes.

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(2) Police Constable, Makkar, and another Police officer of Kunnamkulam whose name has not been given in the petition.

374. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state that in the course of an enquiry into the petition received from Mr. Mandokkara Authony, dated 9th Kanni 1104:—

(1) whether it was found out that a woman belonging to another religion was kept by a Police officer in his house or of his relations or under his or their charge at or near Kunnamkulam; and if so, who is this Police officer;

(2) whether the full reports of the enquiry will be placed on the Table?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—(1) Yes; in Police Constable Makkar's home.

(2) Vide answer to part (4) of question No. 371.

375. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether the people of Kunnamkulam petitioned to the Diwan, Police Commissioner and the District Magistrate or to any one of them on 12th Kanni 1104 against some of the Police officers of the place alleging that a stranded woman was being kept by them and that she has delivered apparently without a husband;

(2) who are the Police officers against whom this petition was submitted;

(3) whether it is stated in the course of the petition "if the Police officer has been bold to do this in some of the most crowded towns of the Cochin State in regard to a matter of the utmost sanctity to mankind, we have a right to ask what he may not do. Rumours there are of several acts he has done but police power always prevents them from crystallising. We have only to submit that what has come to light is sufficient to take disciplinary measures against the Police officer and the constable, and we request that these two who were bold enough to practise such iniquity in the heart of the town may not be allowed to rule over it any more";

(4) whether any enquiry has been conducted or any action has been taken with reference to this petition; and if so, what is it;

(5) whether the above petition and the orders passed thereon will be placed on the Table;

(6) whether the officers against whom this petition has been submitted are still stationed at Kunnamkulam?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—(1) Yes.

(2) Sub-Inspector Hamid Khan and Police Constable

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